



News Release

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## **PECOS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK WILL JOIN SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST IN STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

Due to increased high fire danger levels Pecos National Historical Park will upgrade the current fire restriction level from Stage 1 to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions beginning Tuesday, May 23, at 12:01 a.m. This action is taken in conjunction with the Santa Fe National Forest and other agencies to ensure public safety and the protection of park resources. Fire restrictions will apply to all park lands in the Pecos, Glorieta and Canoncito vicinities.

### **Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Entail:**

- **Open Fire Restrictions:**  
All fires are prohibited on Pecos National Historical Park lands, except in established picnic grounds where use of containerized fuel stoves will be allowed.
- **Smoking Restrictions:**  
Smoking is allowed only within an enclosed vehicle or on the **paved** portions of the Visitor Center or Headquarters parking areas, five feet from any vegetation.
- **Fireworks:**  
Fireworks are prohibited on all National Park lands.

***Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual and \$10,000 for a group/organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both. Title 16 USC 551 and Title 18 USC Sections 3559 and 3571.***

Pecos National Historical Park is located some 25 miles southeast of Santa Fe, New Mexico and is a unit of the National Park Service, under the administration of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

For further information, please call park headquarters at 505-757-6414

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